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WIFE TO FACE MURDER TRIAL

Case Against Widow of Santa Fe Conductor, Slain at Arizona Home, will Open Wednesday

The trial of Mrs. Elsie McLennon, charged with the murder of her husband, Robert A. McLennon, Santa Fe Railroad conductor, will begin Wednesday at Winslow, Arizona, according to information received by the Examiner yesterday from Chief of Police Ed Gardner of Winslow, who brought about the woman's arrest.

Mrs. McLennon was arrested July 11, following an investigation lasting nearly six weeks. The Board of Supervisors of Navajo County have retained two of Arizona's best criminal lawyers, J. L. Sweeney of Winslow and C. H. Jordan of Holbrook to assist in the prosecution. More than forty witnesses have been summoned for the prosecution and there are said to be thirty-seven defense witnesses besides a large number of affidavits and depositions to read. The trial will last several days.

McLennon was shot in his Winslow home on April 30. He apparently recovered from his bullet wounds, but meningitis developed and he died at the Santa Fe Hospital in Los Angeles, where he was brought for treatment, on the night of June 15.

A few days before he was shot, Mrs. McLennon separated from him and filed suit for divorce. Later, when her husband was found wounded in his home she returned to him, temporarily withdrew her suit and accompanied McLennon to Los Angeles, remaining with him until he died.

At first it was thought that McLennon shot himself, but this theory was later found to be groundless, and certain well defined facts pointed to murder with the woman charged as a suspect. She has consistently denied all knowledge of the crime. —L. A. Examiner

Natural Error

Reveille had been sounded and Private Pence came running out with his leggings on wrong. He jumped into the ranks and snapped into attention, but not until the top kick had noticed his lapse from military sartorial perfection.

"Private Pence," he demanded angrily, "why have you your leggings on wrong?" "It was just a personal mistake," answered the offender.

"Mistake?" "Yes. I had my legs crossed when I put them on." —American Legion Weekly.

FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

In the latest ruling from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance all ex-service men are advised that they can reinstate their insurance up to January 1921. A full medical examination is required and it must show that the applicant is now in good health. The order is Treasury Decision 67 and was sent out July 11 by Colonel C. R. Forbes, Director of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C., to the district office in San Francisco.

Red Cross chapters in the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross have been authorized to advise all ex-service men of this new ruling. The men can get help in making out their papers at local Red Cross offices.

A. C. OF ARIZONA

Phoenix, July 21—"Are you a member of the Automobile Club of Arizona?" This is the question put to 35,000 car owners in this state by the state-wide organization which is endeavoring to put Arizona on the map as a good roads state.

The drive for membership is now on. Each of the 30 representatives of the club have been furnished membership applicant blanks, and these are now ready for all comers on payment of the annual dues of \$12. No entrance fee is required, on the first 1,000 applications.

Southern California has become justly famous throughout the world for its wonderful system of highways, and one of the largest factors in developing this system and calling attention to it has been the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Arizona can gain the same distinction if the same boosting methods are employed in this state, and hence the reason that every progressive citizen of the state is asked to get behind the Automobile Club of Arizona by taking out a membership.

Information and service worth many times the cost of membership will be tendered every member of the club. In the first place he will have at his command the free advice of the club's legal department composed of 30 leading attorneys through the state in any matter arising from the operation or ownership of a car. In the second place he will be provided with maps and touring information from time to time by the club's local representative upon application. A full supply of these maps have been sent to the club's representative and are now ready for distribution.

One of these is a general road map of the state; another shows the principal routes between Arizona points and southern California together with the distances; another shows the principal routes to El Paso and points in New Mexico. Another publication in loose-leaf form contains the main routes in and out of the principal cities of Arizona.

The names of the club's representatives from whom membership may be obtained:

A. H. Condon, assistant secretary Chamber of Commerce, Tucson; J. B. Bristol, assistant secretary Chamber of Commerce, Nogales; H. W. Newland, Ajo; Dan B. Seed, Bisbee; Merton N. Rice, Chandler; E. R. Shortridge, Clifton; F. D. Hubbell, Douglas; C. M. Brooks, Duncan; W. B. Rudebaugh, Flagstaff; J. W. McCann, Florence; C. M. Healy, Globe; L. Cadwell, Holbrook; N. F. Wykoff, Jerome; T. W. Devine, Kingman; J. F. Shaw, Miami; W. R. Steward, Mesa; A. A. Carrick, Glendale; Frank Ewing, Parker; R. W. Byrns, Prescott; R. V. Johnson, Ray; J. M. Wilson, Saford; E. Keyton Bryan, St. Johns; Gus Becker, Springerville; R. T. Jones, Superior; H. P. Merrill, Tombstone; C. O. Austin, Tempe; A. R. Volk, Wickenburg; G. C. Creswell, Winslow; J. V. Edwards, Williams; Emil C. Eger, Yuma.

In Phoenix membership cards and full information may be obtained at the state headquarters located in the chamber of commerce building, Second avenue and Adams Street.

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Local Disarmament Advocated



HOW OLD IS ANN?

Influenced by the reports of David White, Chief Geologist of the United States Geological Survey, that the oil situation "may constitute one of the greatest menaces to the future prosperity of the United States," the Administration has ordered an exhaustive survey of the probable recovery of oil in the United States.

An "oil census" is to be made which will require nine months and the time of 20 men; it will be constant aim of the investigators to determine approximately the life of the country's oil fields. Chief Geologist White in commenting upon the petroleum situation said: "Petroleum in the United States is a wasting asset so far depleted as no longer to afford a secure foundation for the obligations based upon its assumed continued adequacy."

It is declared that as far as California conditions are concerned, the situation is not as bad as in other parts of the country, because the high freight rates from California across the continent will tend to keep California petroleum upon the Pacific Coast. In addition to this, the rapid development of hydro-electric power is in a measure keeping up with any possible slowing down in oil production.

We have at present the largest reserve supply of gasoline in the history of the U. S. and it is a matter of record that the oil industry has always met every emergency. Conserving our supplies of crude oil by eliminating waste is a wise policy but trying to estimate the life of the petroleum industry is like trying to figure out the age of Ann, one gets nowhere in the attempt.

Petroleum and encouragement of the petroleum industry will do more to prolong its life than all the speculation as to the life of any known oil fields.

HARSHER NAME

"How old are you, Uncle Eph?"

"Ninety-eight years old, sah."

"You are a fine example of longevity."

"Sah?"

"I say you are a fine example of longevity."

"Yas, sah. Thank you, sah. But when my ol' man is hard at work an' I'm settin' in de sunshine dat ain't whut she calls me." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

MRS. CLARIE H. JORDAN HOME FROM OCCIDENTAL

Mrs. Claire H. Jordan returned home Sunday evening after almost a year's study at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Mrs. Jordan has been taking a literary course, specializing on short story writing. She has completed the full English course.

WITH THE GIL MEN

While it might perhaps seem like oil development is dragging, nothing could be farther from the truth. While there is not so much actual drilling as a host of us would like to see, nevertheless all things considered, the field is in the best shape it has been for a year or more.

The Zuni has temporarily suspended operations. But not for long. This company has excellent holdings, fine equipment and a good hole so far. They will be in the ring again shortly.

The Black Canyon Oil Company is a first class outfit in every respect, and is ably managed. They have suffered some disheartening set-backs in their drilling operations, but are now plugging along in good shape.

The Holbrook Oil Company are marking time waiting for the cement to set when there will be a resumption of drilling. This company has an excellent hole, and there are very encouraging indications that the cement will effectually shut off the water. About Aug. 1st should see a resumption of drilling.

The Breckenridge-Texas-Arizona Company are all to the good—in holdings, equipment, etc., and with the arrival of a few more items of field equipment will be ready to tackle the old Hopi well in the style they understand. They recently acquired additional acreage in Stevens County Texas, which should give the company finances for any development they might desire to undertake. However, they are in excellent condition for their Arizona operations.

S. Earl Taylor, the excellent oil man, is going right ahead with preliminary work that will lead to much development in the Holbrook field. Undoubtedly Mr. Taylor is a man of purpose—a definite purpose, and Holbrook is indeed fortunate that he has decided to drill in this field. His operations will begin shortly.

The Limelight

Question. "What is your name?" Answer. "L. Cadwell."

"Where were you born?" "Shiloh, Ohio."

"What is your age?" "Forty-Five."

"What is your business?" "Clothing."

"What is the extent of your education?" "High School."

"Married or single?" "Married."

"Why?" "Wife couldn't take a joke."

"What was your boyhood ambition?" "Own a team of black driving horses."

"What do you think of life?" "Best I have ever seen."

"How is business?" "Just as you make it."

ADAMANA NO. 1

The Adamana Land and Oil Company, probably the best known of Arizona's pioneering oil companies, unlike most companies operating a "wild-cat" does not allow the usual setbacks and some very unusual ones, it might be added, to swerve them from the main object—that of getting oil.

For some time the company has been striving to swage out the casing at the 1800 ft. line, but on recommendation of Mr. Vanderhoef this has been abandoned. However, the company will attempt to drill out the casing. Should this fail, then light charges of giant powder will be used. Should all expedients fail, then the casing will be pulled and a heavier 5 5-8 casing will be introduced into the hole, the water shut off and the bringing in of the well made a fact.

The management of the Adamana know positively that there is oil at the bottom of the well; the last few strikes of the drill bits showing heavy with oil. So heavy in fact that the company ceased operations for fear of letting in the salt water and undoing the patient work of months.

One Drawback

"Is your husband a good provider, Dinah?"

"Yessum he's a good provider all right, but I'se al-lus skeered dat niggah's gwine er git caught at it."

—O. E. R. Bulletin

BASE BALL HOLBROOK—LEUPP

After a steady down-pour Saturday evening, Sunday morning broke clear and beautiful and the sun burned a baleful eye on the wet and soggy field; players and fans alike sought to drain the field, as well as to fill depressions with dry dirt. Manager Lee was concerned both with the condition of the field and with the threatened return of rain. By the time the game was called Old Sol had disappeared again and the game was begun under lowering skies, but they didn't lower enough for old J. Pluv. to stage another rain storm.

The infield was extremely fast, but right field and deep center resembled Johnstown after the flood had passed over. Both teams were in fine fettle and exhibited confidence, both in practice and on the field. Spencer for the Braves pitched a splendid game. Ted did likewise for his teammates. Manager Lee's line up was good. The entire team showed up fine and dandy. So did Leupp.

The seventh inning developed a marring feature. Gentry in stealing second was interfered with by Leupp's second sacker, and was called safe. This decision occasioned much talk. They do say history repeats itself. Gentry attempted to negotiate third and was again called safe, although it appeared to most of the fans that he was out by four feet. However, Umps. McCloskey claimed that the lad holding down the hot end of the infield for Leupp took two stabs at Gentry, which if true entitled Gentry to be called safe. The decision, however, threatened to end the game but after much coaxing and the removal of umpire McCloskey in favor of Cadwell, the game continued to the end—both fast and exciting. The Leupp boys are good sports and we are sorry anything of a disagreeable nature developed.

The Score:
Holbrook: R H E
010 101 21 6 8 4
Leupp:
100 102 001 5 8 5
Batteries: Reuter and Buckles; Spencer and Greeley.
Struck out by Reuter, 6 by Spencer, 9.
Umpires: Freeman and McCloskey and Cadwell.
Time: 1:30

CROOL, CROOL!

"I suppose," sniffed Mrs. Giddigad, "if something would happen to me tomorrow you would look for another wife right away?"

"Oh, no—I'd wait until the next day, at least."

"You brute."

"But Gwendolin—"

"And like as not you'd do just like some other men I know who have second wives."

"What's that?"

"Carry their breakfast to them up in bed."

"Perhaps!"

"Gomer Giddigad, do you know what I'd do then?"

"No."

"Well, sir, I'd come right up into the room and haunt you."

"You'd come right up into the room where I'd be serving breakfast to my second wife?"

"Yes, I would."

"And then do you know what I'd do?"

"No."

"Well, I'd say to you: 'Gwendolin, get busy now, and please remove the dishes.'"

—Youngstown Tele.

TURN FOR BETTER EXPERIENCED IN BUSINESS CIRCLES

Washington, July 21—The feeling is general that industry and business have turned the corner. Tangible evidence of this it on hand. Some of the high lights contributing to this conservative optimism are:

The full swing of the harvest season in the agricultural belt, and the prompt moving of crops to primary markets. This is bringing millions of dollars of actual cash into the agricultural heart of the country which has been the hardest hit, financially, and the stimulating effect is already seen in all lines of retail and wholesale business. In addition, arrangements either have been made, or are about to be completed, which will give the farmers \$125,000,000 in new long time credits.

Increasing activities in a very great number and variety of manufacturing industries. In many cases, manufacturing plants are running to capacity in order to meet fall deliveries.

Reduction of bank loans to almost one-half of their high level of last winter.

A general increase in building activities.

General and very appreciable increase in retail business resulting in increased orders for fall deliveries.

Demonstration of the financial stability of the "average man" as shown by reports to the Federal Reserve Board. These reports, submitted by over 800 banks in more than 100 of the chief cities of the country, show an increase in savings deposits over last year of \$238,000,000. This condition was quite contrary to the generally accepted belief that the average man was "going broke" or using up all of his war-time savings.

Decrease in number of business failures and in amount of liabilities.

Increase in freight traffic and demand for cars.

BUILDING ON INCREASE

One of the most encouraging features of the business outlook is the resumption of building activity. Statistics from the country at large shows more building in progress than for years.

Contracts awarded in 26 northwestern states for April totaled more than a quarter of a billion dollars, the largest on record for any April, and an increase of 34 per cent over March. In some sections the increase reached 71 per cent and all sections report gains over previous months.

Residential construction leads all other building as the nation is short over 1,500,000 homes as a result of retarded construction during the war. Slightly lower wage scales and cheaper lumber have acted as a stimulant to building, but there must be still further readjustment in prices before there will be a real building boom.

Building, in addition to affording employment to thousands of men in building and allied trades, stimulates many other industries' make business for railroads and augment the purchasing power of the country and demand for commodities.

OF COURSE!

A young lady of literary attainments sought to engage a wealthy Swedish manufacturer in conversation. They were both visiting a friend. Turning to him she asked, "Mr. Olson, what five books do you like best?" Olson scratched his head a moment and replied, "I tank ay like cock book pocket book, bank book, check book and pass book."